Navy Installation Command Police Officers Receive Upgraded Training

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Newly hired Navy Installations Command police officers are now receiving training through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) at Glynco, Ga., as part of a new training requirement.

The new training standardizes law enforcement training in all U.S.-based Navy regions and police officer placement is contingent upon completing the 12-week course.

"The course is really demanding, but it is critically important that the officers be properly trained," said Tony Reid, Anti-Terrorism program director at Navy Installations Command. "The course is both physically and mentally challenging and provides a superb training environment."



Basic Training Academy is conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), in Glynco, Ga. Glynco is located near Brunswick, Ga, mid-way between Savannah, Ga. and Jacksonville, Fla..

More than 100 officers have successfully completed this demanding course in the past year.

The course includes instruction in: officer safety and survival, communications and interviewing, constitutional and federal criminal law, arrest techniques, defensive tactics, terrorism, VIP protection, physical security, firearms, driver training and more. The curriculum also includes detailed laboratory work and how to prosecute a crime scene. To receive a certificate of graduation, officers must successfully complete four written examinations and eighteen practical exercises, according to Reid.

"We are currently in the process of becoming a partnered organization with FLETC. We would eventually like to train all our officers there," said Reid.

Navy Installations Command started training police officers in 2009 at five geographically dispersed regional training academies. This process went on until 2013, when a more streamlined process was required, according to Reid.

Not only did consolidation of training at FLETC provide good solution for training new officers, it also provided more quality training for the cost. A gap analysis was done for officers already on the force so see what is needed to bring them in line with the training new officers are receiving through FLETC. Officers who have not been through FLETC will receive training to bring them in line with the new standards.

"Through FLETC we are receiving a huge increase in the quality of training for about the same price we were paying for the decentralized training," said Reid.

"Standardization in training across the force will also ensure that officer who move from one location to another will already understand the processes and procedures being used."